

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)	Ulrich MEIER <i>et al.</i>	Confirmation:	3710
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Official Office Action dated August 9, 2007, please amend the claims as indicated on the attached Claim Summary.

The Office Action indicated that the amendment to the specification did not meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b). The amendment to the specifications specifically struck through the deleted portions and the added portions were underlined. This complies with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b)(1)(ii). If the examiner disagrees, please provide specific indication of what portion of the regulations are not met.

The present application is a National Phase of a PCT application and the drawings are part of the file as submitted to the U.S. Office as a National Office. As a courtesy to the examiner, the applicant is providing a replacement page which has no modifications to the original PCT drawings.

Claims 12-13 are objected to and rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claim 12 has been amended to address these issues. Now Claims 12 and 13 are considered to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claims 8 and 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Yeoman. Claims 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Klein *et al.* These rejections are respectfully traversed.